



Variety of Acts Scheduled for Amateur Nite

From the wizardry of prestidigitation to the symphonic blasts of the hog calling contest, interspersed with many vocal, instrumental and novelty presentations, the Ten Year Club Amateur Nite awaits only the moment the curtain will ring up.

Seldom has such an array of talent awaited the starter's gun as will be on hand to entertain on this occasion, according to reports received from Bob Martin, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. No advance information is available at this time as to the identity of the entertainers due to the desire of the Committee to capitalize on the element of surprise. All that can be said with certainty is that they are all members of the Club.

The evening will get under way at 6:30 o'clock with a buffet supper and liquid refreshments. The supper is being prepared by the ladies auxiliary of the Enterprise Fire Company in whose spacious hall, replete with stage, the affair will be held.

Detailed directions showing the location of the hall are being sent to all club members. The important thing to remember is the date and time: APRIL 18th AT 6:30 P. M.

If you have any accomplishments that you feel would fit into this program or if you just have an urge to face the footlights on this occasion, contact Bob MacMullin, Projects Division, State House Annex, and he will see that you are afforded an opportunity of displaying your talent.

In case you still don't know about it, there will be a door prize of some War Bonds. Be seeing you.

Employees' Assn. Of South Jersey Elects Officers

The regular meeting of the South Jersey Highway Employees' Association was held on Wednesday, March 1st at Community Hall, Orchard Road, Vineland. Officers were elected and yearly reports given by the Treasurer and Secretary, both of which reports indicate definite progress in membership and finance. A surplus in the treasury made possible the purchase of a \$100.00 War Bond, and it was so voted.

The following officers were elected to be installed at the next regular meeting: President, Benjamin A. Bailey; 1st Vice-President, Philip Logan; 2nd Vice-President, Ephraim Phillips; Secretary, Harry S. King; Corresponding Secretary, Walter Eckert; Treasurer, George Phifer; Sgt. at Arms, Wilbert Hutt. Ensign Donald Lear, U.S.C.G.R. (T), Commander of Flotilla No. 35, Cape May, gave a short and interesting talk about the activities of the Volunteer Coast Guard Auxiliary and Seaman 1st Class Pancoast showed three moving pictures: Semper Paratus (Training Film taken at New London Conn.), a U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Training film, and a film in technicolor taken in the South Pacific.

The meeting closed with a social, games and refreshments.

P.S.—Ensign Lear, mentioned above, is none other than Bob Green's landscape foreman in the Southern District.)

A Quotation a Month

Richard Glasgow of Projects suggests that THE HIGHWAY might well use a quotation of some famous man each month. He feels that such inspiration can be gleaned from reading lines that will never grow old. Being totally unfamiliar with such matters, we turned the job over to Dick and take pleasure in submitting for your approval his choice for the month of March.

"The first requisite of a good citizen in this republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight."

—Theodore Roosevelt.

Team Standing Unchanged in Bowling League

Administration still shows the way in the Highway Bowling League with Equipment rapidly closing the gap between first and second place.

In the third spot, with only an outside chance to overhaul the leaders, is the Electrical team, followed by Fernwood Office, Projects and Inspection in the order named. With the exception of Inspection, which has yet to win a game, these teams are waging a battle royal for third place.

Date Set for Play-off

Honors for the first half race, which ended in a tie between Administration and Equipment, will be decided on Friday evening, April 7th, at 7:00 p. m., at which time these teams will meet in a play-off. Odds on this event are about even, with adherents of each team conceding nothing but disaster for the other fellow.

A statistical breakdown of the second half games shows that the high team three games is held by Administration with 2667 pins. The same team holds the high team single game score of 962 and the high team average of 793. Warren Oldham of Maintenance, who bowls with Administration, owns the high single game score of 257 and the high three individual three game score of 632. A Projects man, Peter Tuozzolo, is the proud possessor of the highest average, namely, 185.

In justice to the Inspection team, it should be noted that this group is composed of new bowlers who are slowly rounding into form. In the near future they are expected to step up and give their opponents far stiffer competition.

Standing Second Half			
	Won	Lost	Perc.
Administration	21	3	.875
Equipment	20	4	.833
Electrical	9	12	.429
Fernwood Office	6	15	.286
Projects	4	11	.267
Inspection	0	15	.000

Books and Games Still Wanted For Soldiers

It is not too late to bring or send books, games or puzzles to the mail room of the State House Annex for use of injured soldiers now stationed at Fort Dix.

Perhaps under the pressure of other duties you have overlooked this highly important matter. If so, make it a point to gather all such material together for use by these soldiers who have been injured in battle.

Those Highwaymen who reside outside of the Trenton area should find it possible to send their contributions to Trenton from time to time by means of a Highway vehicle traveling in that direction.

Despite the fact that a large volume of such articles has already been delivered to Fort Dix, there exists an urgent need for many more donations of this nature. Don't let these boys down.

Greenwood Rankin

It is with regret that we report the death of Patrolman Greenwood Rankin, 234 East Main Street, Manasquan, who died at his home on Tuesday, February 22nd. Mr. Rankin was in his 77th year and had worked for the Department for the last 23 years of his life, having been employed in June, 1921. He is survived by one son, John S. Rankin, a Maintenance Foreman also in the employ of this Department, and a brother, Robert R. Rankin, both of Brielle. He also leaves five grandchildren. Patrolman Rankin served long and faithfully in the employ of this Department, and to his survivors we extend every sympathy.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION MUST AWAIT POST-WAR PERIOD

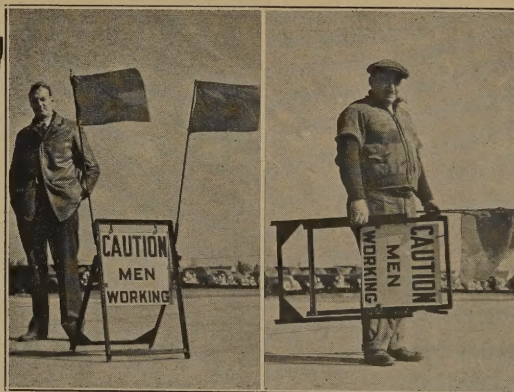
Reconversion to Peacetime Economy Dependant Upon Surplus Of Projects and Funds

As the certainty of victory increases the uncertainty of the end of hostilities grows apace. We shall carry on however long the struggle! With each passing month the problem which is posed for a post-war America is to provide for the demobilized servicemen and the displaced war workers employment in private industry and in needed public works. A public works program which stabilizes, but does not stifle our economy will prove an important factor in any orderly reconversion to peace-time. In such a program Highway construction will have a proper place.

Governor Edge has expressed the conviction that we must build up a surplus, both of funds and projects, for the post-war period so that we can play our part in New Jersey in this orderly reconversion to a peace-time economy. This is the course of wise statesmanship which we completely endorse. This means that the State Highway Department will continue on a maintenance basis for another year. It means also that we must continue to exercise the utmost economy in the administration of the department. Every employee of the department will cheerfully cooperate in a policy of doing more with less. Thus we can play our part as State Employees in this Fateful Year of the War!

SPENCER MILLER, JR.
State Highway Commissioner

New Design For Greater Safety



In answer to the many complaints received by the Safety Committee regarding the tendency of our present "Men Working" signs to blow over at the slightest provocation, the matter was referred to William VanBreemen, the Engineer of Special Assignments and a member of the committee, for investigation. As a result of his study, a new standard has been designed, which, in addition to holding two red flags, can withstand even the hardest blows.

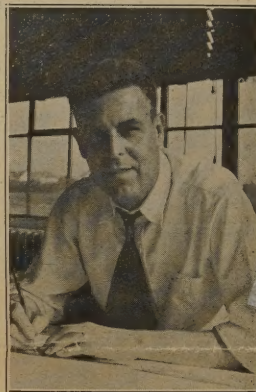
In the picture on the left VanBreemen is shown with the new sign. A typical March wind was blowing at the time as can be seen by the flags. In the other photo Joe Strollo of Fernwood is holding the sign in its folded position. The new sign is no heavier than the former one and when folded occupies less space. Reports on tests made in the field by Maintenance gangs are most enthusiastic and replacements will be made in the present inefficient equipment as soon as time and available materials will permit.

The redesign of small signs is but one of the many steps to be taken by the Safety Committee in their campaign to reduce accidents among Highway employees. Already a questionnaire has been sent to all Maintenance Foremen and Patrolmen in an effort to gather ideas on safety from all sections of the State.

Employees throughout the Department are urged to cooperate with the Safety Committee in this work by forwarding any suggestions they may care to make to that group, State House Annex, Trenton, New Jersey.

Returns to Highway After Many Months In New Guinea

The other day we encountered Frank Wood of the Electrical Division, an expert on bomb sights and automatic pilots who is back with the Highway Department as the result of an over-age discharge after a long sojourn in the jungles of New Guinea. While there he was attached to the ground forces of a Medium Bomber Squadron.



FRANK WOOD

Frank was full of interesting stories about other fellows, but it was quite a job getting him to say much about himself. It seems that you just do what you are supposed to do, that nothing much ever happens, and that no one would be interested anyway.

When assured that many of those on the home front would be interested, he admitted being exposed to a dozen or more Jap bombings, flying over the Owen Stanley Range, encountering 18 foot pythons, battling myriads of bugs and witnessing many aerial encounters between our flyers and those of the enemy.

Wood entered the service from which he recently received an over-age discharge in August 1942. After training at Fort Dix, Atlantic City, Lowry Field, Wyoming, Columbia and Walterboro, South Carolina, he sailed for the Southwest Pacific, a fully trained technician. From then on until he returned in January, Frank sweated and worked in the tropical heat of New Guinea. No wonder he was glad to get back to Fernwood.

Victory Gardens Still Available

In case you have not notified Robert Green, Landscape Supervisor, of your intention to take one of the Fernwood Victory gardens this year there are still a few plots available. But you should not defer long, for by the time this copy of THE HIGHWAY reaches you some of the more industrious Highwaymen will have already planted their onion sets and peas.

Those who participated in this worthwhile enterprise last year will testify to the financial and healthful returns which were gleaned from days spent in the out-of-doors tilling the soil and harvesting their crops. And lest you forget, food will be needed more this year than ever before.

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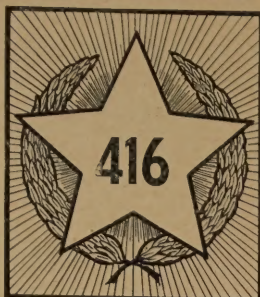
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Highway Honor Roll



The following is the list of those entering the Armed Forces of the United States since the last issue of THE HIGHWAY.

Equipment

Visokay, George Navy

Maintenance

Pulavich, Lawrence Army

News from Our Men In the Service



Pfc. Horace Carl of Co. F, 15th Signal Bn., Fort Monmouth, N. J., is a former foreman in Sign Maintenance. Horace, who came to the Highway on August 14th, 1930, covered about 800 miles of territory on his sign work prior to entering the service in August 1943. Before that time he took a 6 month's course in radar at Rutgers University and passed with high averages. Carl is another who looks forward monthly to receiving THE HIGHWAY which he says, "I read from cover to cover."

1st Lieut. Ephraim Solkoff writes, "Have just received the January issue and am tickled pink to be able to sit down and read of those I know in THE HIGHWAY. Am certainly looking forward to future copies... I am in England on anything but a vacation tour... Best regards to my friends, particularly those in the Newark Office, Survey and Plans. Was pleased to note Lt. Stenson's address 'somewhere in India.' Shall drop him a hello." Lt. Solkoff's address is 375th Eng. G. S. Regt. A. P. O. 641, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

Capt. Carl Teegen of Survey and Plans paid a visit to the Trenton office upon the completion of special training in Virginia. After more than a year in the dreary Aleutians, Carl would rather be shipped almost anywhere than back again. He didn't know his destination when last seen.

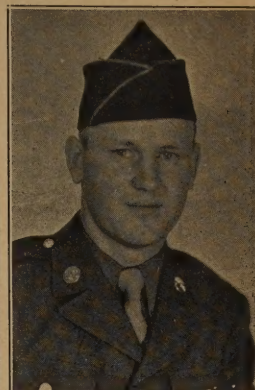
DON'T FORGET

DROP A LINE TO A HIGHWAY.
MAN IN THE SERVICE
TONIGHT.

Electrical Division Servicemen



A former member of the Electrical Division, Isadore Friedman, is now Seaman 1/c of the U. S. Navy. After completing his advanced training in fire control in Florida, Friedman, who supervised traffic counting before joining the Navy, was transferred to Norfolk where he is now assigned to a destroyer. We have not yet received Friedman's mailing address.



Another Electrical Division serviceman is Arthur "Bud" Royson of Bradley Beach. Bud, now stationed at Camp Meade, Md., recently paid a visit to the Trenton Office where he renewed old friendships and said thanks for THE HIGHWAY. Letters addressed to 510 Monmouth Ave., Bradley Beach, will reach Royson until he supplies us with a more definite service address.

Captain Herman J. Meury, Hq. 530th Qm. Bn. A. P. O. 782 c/o Postmaster New York City, a former Maintenance man, writes: "Of late I have not been receiving a copy of THE HIGHWAY. This paper for me takes up quite a gap for I have been in the Army for 3 years. The articles are very interesting and amusing to read. In order to get the information as to what takes place in the office or on the road THE HIGHWAY certainly spreads the gospel..." (Thanks for them kind words, Capt. Several back issues are now on their way to your new address. Ed.)

Word received from Iran informs us that it is now Captain George McCann. George, who enlisted in the U. S. Army Engineer Corps way back in May, 1942, has been stationed in the Near East for the past fifteen months and is now commanding Company "B", 334th Engineers Regt. (ss) P. G. C. A. P. O. 783, Postmaster, New York, N. Y. George writes an interesting letter and any congratulatory note will be well rewarded.

Word has been received through Foreman A. H. Sweet that Pvt. Warren Miller of the Landscape Division was home on furlough recently and looked up his former co-workers. After six months in Florida, Miller was sent to California where for the past 8 months he has been living in tents in the Mojave Desert, where he had more than one experience with tarantulas and scorpions. Warren's address is: Pvt. Warren Miller 32605268, 6292 M. Laby Co., A. P. O. 187, c/o Postmaster, Los Angeles, Calif.

We were pleased to read in a local paper of Bill Rackowski's promotion from 2nd to 1st Lieutenant. Bill, who formerly worked in the Maintenance Division office, is now stationed at Camp Roberts, California, where he is attached to an infantry outfit.



SANTE POLLASTRELLI

Through the efforts of Charlie Kuhn it was possible to obtain the above photograph of that intrepid campaigner, Sante Pollastrelli. Sante, who in civilian life is a concrete finisher and mason in the Maintenance Field Forces, is now a Staff Sergeant attached to Company B, 342 Engineers Regt., 1st Bn., A. P. O. 647, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

Wanted - Ideas For Safety

The employee accident rate in the State Highway Department is high! Between 16 and 20 percent of all Highway employees are involved in reportable accidents each year according to available statistics. These accidents range from minor injuries to death and are responsible for thousands of hours of lost time, thousands of dollars of lost incomes, thousands of dollars in medical and hospital bills. A large proportion of these accidents are the result of roadside employment where highway traffic adds to the dangers otherwise encountered. Especially do they involve men of the Maintenance Division.

To meet this challenge the newly formed Safety Committee has prepared a questionnaire which has been sent to all Maintenance Foremen. In this manner it is hoped to gather, for the purposes of analysis, the combined ideas of men in every section of the State, for these are the men who daily are brought face to face with the problem of accident control.

But this is only one phase of a more general safety problem. Other divisions of this Department contribute their share of accidents. Particularly are the engineers of the Survey and Plans Division subjected to dangers. In fact, there is no single group within the Highway that can boast of an accident-free record. Therefore it is most desirable that all employees contribute their ideas on safety measures.

Suggestions dealing with safety should be sent to State Highway Department Safety Committee, att. W. Carman Davis, Secretary, 148 West State Street, Trenton, N. J. If incorporated in the general program now being developed, they will also be duly recognized by the Suggestion Committee.

The personal safety of every man in this Department should be of paramount importance, not only to himself but to all Highwaymen. Therefore, if you have any ideas on any safety measures or practices, come forward with them. Send them to the Safety Committee so that all can benefit from your experience.

War Bond Purchase Plan

As a result of repeated requests on the part of State employees, a Payroll Deduction War Bond Purchase Plan is now available to the men and women of the State Highway Department. This plan, similar to those long since established by private industry, makes possible the purchase of War Bonds through the withholding of specified amounts from the salary of each employee. In all cases the amount so withheld is determined by the individual. This adds up to an easy way of making a sound investment.

The enthusiasm with which this long awaited payroll deduction plan has been accepted is ample evidence of the desire of Highway men and women to get solidly behind their government in one of the few ways that are open to those behind the lines. And while no goal has been set for the Highway Department, it would seem, all things considered, that nothing less than 100% participation in this movement would reflect the true feelings of our employees at a time when so many of our members are today risking everything on battlefronts throughout the world.

War Bonds are the safest investment that can be made. The payroll deduction plan is the easiest way of making this investment and one of the finest ways of saying, "I'm proud to be an American." Get solidly behind it. JOIN TODAY!

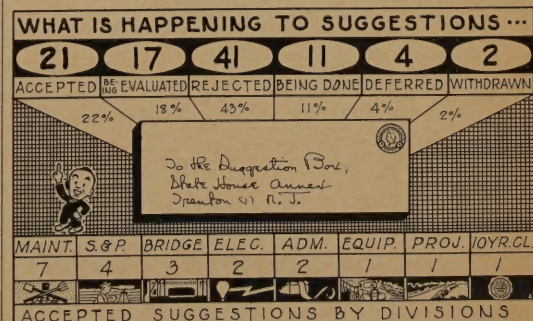
WANTED - News from Servicemen

Four hundred and sixteen State Highway employees have entered the armed forces of their country since Pearl Harbor. Today these men are scattered throughout the globe—fighting on every battlefield.

We at home, as well as those in the service want news of all of you; where you are and what you are doing.

So drop us a line, send in your picture, or if possible stop in and say hello. It all adds up to the kind of news we want to print.

SUGGESTION SCORE CARD



Twenty-two percent of all suggestions received by the Suggestion Committee have been accepted according to the latest statistical breakdown of the records of that body. As was the case when last reported, the Maintenance Division still leads in the number of accepted ideas, with 7, followed by Survey and Plans with 4.

Several sizeable divisions of the Highway Department have not taken full advantage of the opportunity

afforded by the Suggestion Box for the establishment of improved methods. Notable among these are the Equipment and Projects Divisions and the Northern and Southern Construction Divisions.

The continued growth of the suggestion system is adequate proof, however, of its acceptance by Highwaymen in general. If you have not sent in your suggestion it might not be a bad idea to do so now.

LABORATORY LINES

Abram Watov

A special meeting of the Laboratory Social Club was held on February 28, presided over by President **Leon Cartledge**, for the purpose of electing officers for 1944. The new officers elected were as follows: President, **Herbert H. Diefenderfer**; Vice President, **Thomas H. MacRorie**; Secretary, **Joseph C. Mumoli**; Treasurer—**Ralph A. Sherman**. President Diefenderfer appointed the following committees: Entertainment, **Walter Johnson**, Chairman, **Chris Kucker** and **Horace Wahl**; Flower Fund, **William Ryan**, **James McDonough** and **Abram E. Watov**.

Our heartfelt condolences to **Mrs. Margaret (Peg) Beatty**, whose mother recently died.

George Goeller, former Ass't Testing Chemist, has now been re-assigned to the Chemical Warfare Service Laboratory School at the Edgewood Arsenal, Md. George, who is a corporal technician, will no doubt become a chemical warfare lab instructor in view of his past experience in that field.

Quite a few members of the Lab personnel have enjoyed winter vacations down South recently. **Alice Mayer** has just returned from a two months stay in Miami. **Hap Manning** and **Chris Kucker** also had an enjoyable vacation at Hollywood and Palm Beach respectively. **Andy Decker** is now at Miami Beach and **Tom MacRorie** has just returned from N. Carolina.

The boys here asked the aid of several income tax experts around the Lab for help in filling out their 1943 returns. We won't mention their names in case their advice boomerangs.

John Henry, chief custodian, is still talking of the St. Patrick's Day celebration in Newark and New York. It's the biggest day of the year for John.

Roy L. Baumann, **Fred Baumann's** son, is at present at Greenwood, Miss., Army Air base, completing his basic flight training as a cadet with high hopes of winning his wings about May of this year. Lots of luck to you, Roy.

PROJECTS PARAGRAPHS

E. L. MEYER

We express our sincerest wishes for a rapid recovery to **Mary D'Arcy**. Mary is convalescing at her home in West Trenton after having undergone an operation at St. Francis Hospital. She was in the hospital about three weeks before being allowed to return home.

Ed Snyder is also on sick-leave, his doctor having advised him to take about six weeks of complete rest. Ed started to make preparations for a trip to California, but we understand that his draft board would not permit it. So Ed is staying at home.

It has also been learned that **Frank Reilly**, our Projects Engineer who lives at Phillipsburg, is nursing a broken shoulder.

We also wish a rapid recovery for both of you fellows.

Ed Scott, Mr. Harris' former secretary, stopped in the office to tell us that instead of being sent overseas he is being sent to Officers Candidate School. Ed will be stationed at Camp Lee, Va., for the next four months. He has a brother also stationed there but may not have much chance to see him—he'll be much too busy.

News has come from Warrant Officer **Sid Sterner** that he has graduated from Naval Demolition School and being sent to Egypt.

Warrant Officer **Ernest Topping** sends word that he has landed in Honolulu on his way to the South Pacific Area.

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"Tickets Please"



Pictured above are **Paul Ljutich**, **William A. Ward**, **Irving Schmidt** and **George V. Dederick**. These doughty gentlemen devote 4 hours or more out of each day to commuting to and from their work in the Trenton office and their homes in Metropolitan North Jersey, and in so doing travel a collective distance of over 500 miles daily. So accustomed are they to showing their commutation tickets that the first thing they did when told to "look natural" was to dig into their wallets and drag out the tickets.

Ljutich, who works in the Maintenance Division office, travels by car from his home in Union City to Jersey City and thence by train to Trenton. **Ward** and **Schmidt**, both of whom work in Mr. Hurley's cost accounting office, live in Jersey City and Newark respectively. **Bill** makes the initial lap of his trip by bus, while **Irving** drives his own car to the Newark station. **Dederick**, who makes the longest daily journey, travels from his Allwood home to Newark by trolley.

By some strange coincidence, these four men have the same spare time hobby—SLEEPING!

CONSTRUCTION COMMENTS

Fred C. Claus

Trenton

Word came from up above—speed was of the essence—so like ants attacking a crumb, five of our stalwarts attacked the assignment of making an oversized tracing showing the State Highway system and needed improvements. Two tables were put end to end to accommodate this behemoth, sleeves were rolled up and before you could say Jack Robinson the task was completed. Hats off to **Bole**, **Lozier**, **Madden**, **Slemmer** and **Snedaker**.

Draftsmen look to your laurels for **Mary Filliponi** and **Lorraine Finkle** are taking a course in drafting at Trenton Central High School, sponsored by Rutgers University. Many feel that after the course is completed, life won't be worth living.



The "Old Tea Cup," a trophy symbolic of bowling supremacy in the long competition between the Federal Aid Engineers and the Grade Crossing Engineers has at last become the permanent property of the former team consisting of **Walt Voorhees** and **Lew Hall** as a result of the complete rout of their opponents, **Jerry Osborne** and **Jim Kersey**. The date of the final victory was March 10th, a day that will long be known as Black Friday in Grade Crossing Circles. In the above photo **Voorhees** (left) and **Hall** are admiring their trophy.

Mr. C. F. Bedwell, Acting State Highway Engineer, is enjoying a well earned vacation at the Wyndholm in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. We understand that Mr. Bedwell is

experiencing some difficulty in obtaining return transportation. Lucky Guy.

Johnny Madden tells the one about **Carl Slemmer**, famous for his elaborate north points, who had worked on a set of construction plans that were later being checked in the Trenton office. The N. P. looked so much like a grade separation that **Madden** started checking quantities before he realized that it was only a north point after all.

Newark

Newark Office, Survey & Plans, is well represented at the course in Soil Mechanics, and now being conducted by Princeton University at Newark Academy.

Lieutenant Charles M. Stenson is now stationed somewhere in China. He says the American Dollar is equivalent to 75 Chinese Yuan and that a bottle of Haig & Haig costs 6,000 Chinese Yuan! Correspondence should be addressed Y-Forces, I. T. C. Co., A. P. O. No. 627 c/o Postmaster, N. Y.

Capt. R. A. Simpson, who is with the Army Engineers, sends the boys Holiday Greetings from Pasco, Washington, P. O. Box 550.

Upper Montclair

Corporal Dudley Demerest was home recently on a ten day leave from the Romulus Army Airfield in Michigan. Army life seems to agree with Dud if we can judge by looks.

Rocco DiGiacomo passed out cigars the other day celebrating the arrival of **Rocco, Jr.** Mother and son are doing well and **Roc** has the biggest smile in the county.

Late Snow Conquered

The mid-March snow came at a time when most Highwaymen were thinking in terms of Victory Gardens and when the first songs of the robins made memories of winter seem distant indeed.

This fact did not prevent the snow removal forces from flying into action at the first signal and acquitting themselves in a thoroughly creditable manner. It meant all night work for many but these snow specialists kept New Jersey's vital highways open and the flow of war materials was never halted.

BRIDGE BRIEFS

Arthur Lichtenberg

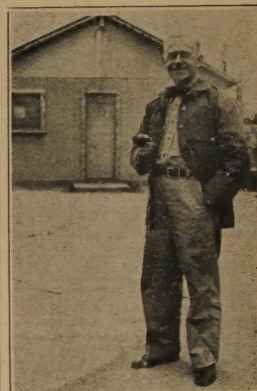
Arthur S. Stetser left Trenton on March 2nd for Edmonton and assignment to the Alaska Division of the Alean Highway. He will be engaged on bridge construction projects and while employed by the Public Roads Administration will be working essentially for the Army Engineers. **Arthur** has been advanced to the grade of Highway Engineer, P-3. The office force rendered him a "going away" dinner at Pauls in Trenton on Feb. 25th, his last day here. Those attending included: **L. C. Petersen**; **R. B. Titworth**, **Chester P. Smith**, **A. J. Lichtenberg**, **Curtis D. Weller**, **H. W. Lefferson**, **Chas. M. Fox**, **M. Lucasy**, **S. Hedin**, **Geo. A. Hefferman**, **R. A. Simon**, **J. F. Evans** and **Mrs. A. Kanyuh**.

BRIEFS: **Lieut. Commander W. F. Hunter** in for a visit and a chat, looking "fit as a fiddle" and in our opinion ready for advancement to "Commander." **Fred** has been transferred from Washington to Williamsburg, Va.; and the Navy has provided ample work for him to do.

Congratulations to those two grand fellows of the division—**Sven Hedin** and **Geo. Hefferman** who on arising from the Red Cross cot on Feb. 14th made it four pints of blood apiece to date. **George** is also doing a fine job as Chairman of the Departmental payroll deduction plan for War Bond purchases as well as Chairman of the Red Cross War Fund drive.

John Patrick's daughter **Ethel** home from the U. S. Naval Hospital at Oakland, Cal. for a well earned furlough. . . **Fred Hunter's** daughter **Ruby G.** making good with radio Sta. W.M.C.A. . . **George Peel** doing ship fitting at the Penn-Jersey Shipyard . . . **Jack Evan's** simile of the month "As subtle as a pile driver" . . . **Frank Wilson's** crowning achievement: making **Phil Burch** erase a red checking mark. . . **Chester L. Appleton**, Resident Engineer on Bridge Construction taking a leave of absence March 1st to assume duties in Philadelphia as an Associate Engineer in the U. S. District Engineers office of the War Department. . . **Bill Clow**, our boring man, in for social call while vacationing from Budds. . . A year has passed since our testimonial honoring those fine men of the division, **Clinton S. Bissell** and **Alvah J. Hall** on their retirement. Late news assures us that they are living significantly and our thoughts are still often of them. . . **Marcel Ludasy** taking the course in Structural Analysis. . . **Petersen** and **Titworth** rendering appreciable assistance to the professor and incidentally the class.

Back in Alaska



ARTHUR STETSER

If it's kissing you want, keep away from the Bridge Division this summer. An order for 2,000 Texas onion sets is headed this way to satisfy victory gardener requirements. . .

The Bridge Division Club executive committee met March 14th at Trionfettis and formulated a plan for the year.

Best birthday wishes to **C. S. Bissell** on the 5th; **Albert E. Lee**—17th and **Walter C. Devereux**—25th.

CREDIT UNION REPORTS ASSETS

Fred Flynn, president of the Highway Credit Union, reports that at the close of business on February 29th this organization had a membership of 111 and assets amounting to \$2038.83, an increase of \$264.86 over the previous month's report.

Many Highway employees are finding the Credit Union a practical way in which to save as well as borrow money. If you are a Highway man or woman residing or working in Mercer County or vicinity, you are eligible to join this growing organization. Membership applications can be obtained by addressing **Miss Mary Filliponi**, Secretary, Room 311, State House Annex, Trenton.

ON POST-WAR SURVEY



Standing at the site of what will some day be a busy intersection (the center line where the Walkill River, New York Susquehanna & Western R. R. and Route 23 meet) this group of engineers from the Upper Montclair Office paused long enough to pose for the above picture. From left to right they are **R. C. Ordish**, **I. Noble**, **R. Waugh**, chief of the party, and **G. Youngman**. **Ordish** and **Noble** came to New Jersey from the Highway Departments of Pennsylvania and New York respectively, while **Youngman** gained his experience on construction work in several states. **Waugh** is strictly an "old timer" having come to the Highway Department in 1922.

Maintenance Notes

—GENE BECKNER—

Promotions seem to be in the wind. From over in the Mediterranean Theatre word comes to us that John Bruther has been elevated to the rank of captain in the U. S. Army Air Corps. Captain Bruther, who completed his 53rd mission over enemy territory on February 4, 1944, is now Flight Leader and Squadron Engineering Officer at his assignment.

Francis Fowler, one of Foreman Arthur Marshall's "grasshoppers," recently sustained a broken ankle in a fall from a tree which he was trimming. He is now confined to his home and will be laid up for quite a while.

Foreman Leon LaRue has been confined to the East Orange General Hospital for some little time. He is now progressing nicely and is reported well on the road to recovery. In his absence, Assistant Foreman Clifford Pentz has taken over his duties.

Looks like Foreman Bill Pinkerton, of Belmar, holds the Department record for blood donors. Bill has donated twelve times or a total of 1½ gallons of blood. Here we have a true believer in Milton Berle's slogan for the Red Cross blood bank: "If you can't be a private be a corpse!"

Here's hoping Russ Geller is really "hep" concerning the preparation of income tax returns. Practically everyone in the Trenton office at least consulted with Russ regarding their return, and if he has made any wrong suggestions, etc., in regard to deductions permissible, the entire office force en masse will move to Atlanta. Speaking of taxes, this thought, culled from a trade magazine, seems to hit the nail on the head: "Today one of the purposes of taxation is to prevent the people from spending money for goods, in order that they may have enough money for their taxes."

Ernest Van Schoick, formerly Landscape Foreman in charge of the North Jersey Gang, who was inducted into the Army on June 7th last, is now stationed in England. Howard Van Benthuyzen, another of Bob Green's Foremen in the service, is now a chief petty officer in the Coast Guard, and has been assigned as an instructor in the Coast Guard's Motor Mechanic School, East Moriches, L. I.

Sam Dame, who works for Foreman Ben Cortese up in Passaic County, has been confined to his home recovering from a corrective operation which he underwent some time ago.

Having sons in the service recently paid Tony Kuhn and Jack Stanley a unique form of compensation. They were called on to act as John Aldens for their respective sons when circumstances prevented the boys themselves from meeting the girl friend. Tony's wife, Margaret, wasn't taking any chances—she went along with Tony.

Gerry Cahill, Maintenance Don Juan, is having difficulty. He's had to give up dating women war workers. He says they aren't satisfied with a good time—they want time and a half.

Walter Loses 181 Pounds

Jimmy Walter's many friends in the Highway Department will be glad to hear that after many months in the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., this likeable Highwayman is feeling fine and looking forward to resuming his place in the Maintenance Division in the not too distant future.

In a recent letter Jimmy wrote: "By the end of this week I will weigh 300 pounds—what a difference from 481 pounds. I am very happy as I can now wear a 17 shirt instead of an 18½. Another thrill I experienced was being able to buy stock undershirts instead of having to purchase special ones. So you can see that this trip hasn't been in vain and the amount of money wasted."

"By the time I get back to Trenton I will be a new person physically and have a much brighter outlook on the future because I'll have good health and ambition, something that I haven't had for many years."

"In closing I sure enjoy reading THE HIGHWAY and look forward to each new issue."

Meet the Gang



"Watch the birdie" was the order of the day when this youthful group of Cost Accountants faced the camera back in 1929, shortly after the Highway Department moved into its present offices in the State House Annex.

You no doubt will recognize all in this group despite the fact that they had a little more hair and a little less weight in those days than they have today. In case you are in doubt, however, they are: seated, left to right, Edward McCardell, Frank Dunn, Thomas Russo, Paul Cranmer, Charles Patterson (deceased), and John Egan; standing, Frank Fieman, Clyde Case, Henry Johnson, Charles Brennen, Arthur Egan, Harry Hill, Joseph Hunt and Elgin Mayer. Absent at the time were Ed Downes and Frank Pollock, both of whom are still members of this office.

In those days it is apparent that there was plenty of elbow room for all, but due to the added volume of work now handled, this original force has been augmented by many more recent additions. Today it is almost necessary to step into the hall to remove one's coat in safety. Despite this, however, the Cost Accounting Office, as in the old days, is pretty much of a big happy family.

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

—ARTHUR EGAN—

All too frequently, when things are going along smoothly, we take them as a matter of fact and fail to give credit to the guiding hand behind the scene. So we are giving a pat on the back to A. Lee Grover and his small band of helpers from the Administration Division, the guiding hands behind the highly successful Conference of North Atlantic States Highway Officials, held in New York City last month. Those who assisted Mr. Grover in this effort were: Bill Wildblood, Ken Rice, Gene Palmer, Clyde Case, Cliff Wear and Frank Gephardt. Frank Reddan handled the publicity for the Conference.

In addition to Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr., who addressed the Conference, those from the Administration Division attending the Conference included: Mr. Eugene V. Connott, Mr. Marvin Howell, Mr. Charles Hurley, Harold Rice, David Rodman, Marion O'Hara, Elsie Taylor Ruth Barbour, Mary Sheridan, Frances Lee, Claire Laczoni and Mildred Friedman.

It was calm and peaceful in the Cost Department one bright and sunny afternoon. Suddenly the inmates were startled to see commuter Frank Torkewitz hurriedly clearing his desk, grab his hat and coat from the rack and dash madly down the hall. Everyone was puzzled, had something happened, was he ill, did he get some bad news? The mystery was deepened several minutes later when Frank, grinning and red-faced, reappeared and sheepishly resumed his work. Finally, the mystery was unfolded. Frank, who rushes to catch the Camden train each evening, miscalculated the time by an hour. It was only a glimpse of the clock at the Art School that stopped his career dash to the station. The incident has become known as "Sheridan's Ride."

After many years of service with the Department, Mrs. Gladys Brinckloe has resigned to accept a position with the Henry J. Kaiser Fleetwing Corp., Bristol, Pa. Fellow workers in the Cost Department presented her with a beautiful pin as a memento of her days here. Paul Cranmer made the presentation on behalf of fellow workers. Mrs. Mildred Friedman was in charge of arrangements for a farewell luncheon at Hotel Hildebrecht.

Among those from the Department attending were: Margaret Hunt, Ann O'Connor, Marylin Siddall, Anne Ludwig, Tillie Bielinson, Helen Disbrow, Mary Cunningham, Mildred Friedman, Helen Tallon, Betty Meskill, Mabel Beans, Claire Laczoni, Florence King, Eleanor Elston, Florence Millerick, Ella Moore and Lorraine Finkle.

CHATTER: Leonard Leighton, Army Air Force, home on a short furlough, in for a visit. Leonard has not been so well lately, having contracted a severe case of arthritis. In fact his right hand and arm are so severely affected that he is fearful of being discharged from the service. . . . Sailor John Kownack, sporting a first class Yeoman's rating, dropped in for a visit. Despite the fact that the Navy has trimmed him down from 180 to 130 lbs., John appears to be in tip-top shape. . . . Our sympathy is extended to Frank Pollock upon the death of his sister, Miss Sarah Pollock. Miss Pollock was for many years connected with the Trenton Public School System. In recent years she conducted the Pollock School of Shorthand and Typing. In addition to her school work she was widely known for her civic work in the community. . . . Kermit Bonner has transferred to the Army Medical Corps and the last report placed him at Fort Dix. . . .

Lately we had the pleasure of meeting two former members of the Department now with the Armed Services. Most of you will recall Willard Robbins who was an office boy for Bill Wildblood. Willard is now a PFC Army M. P.'s stationed at Fort Devan, Mass. Another visitor was Joe Madacey, now Commander Madacey, U. S. Navy. Commander Madacey started his career as a Cost Clerk with Mr. Howell and Mr. Hurley. Deciding for a life at sea he entered and graduated from the Coast Guard Academy—still several years under forty, he commands his own ship. . . . Ernest Thelen, Charles McDevitt, James Hall and G. H. Connor, Construction Inspectors, have been loaned to the Administration Division for inventory work at Newark. . . . Birthday greetings are in order for the Cranmer family. Mrs. Myrtle Cranmer, Paul, Paul, Jr., and Paul's mother, all celebrated birthdays within a few days. Paul was feted by fellow workers with a birthday cake plus the trimmings. . . . Leah Jaekel has returned from a short visit with her husband now stationed at Greenville, Pa.

Projects Paragraphs

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Charlie Hunt has received his first letter from Corporal Charles, Jr., who has just arrived in England. The boy has been in the Army only a few months and with reports of a transport lost Charlie was sure relieved to learn of his safe arrival.

Warrant Officer Sam Hann has been transferred from the "Sea Bee" training station at Camp Peary, Va., to another camp at Hueneme, California. We suppose that Sam is about to be shipped out to the South Pacific very soon. No address is available as yet.

Frank Deacon, who used to work in Mr. Harris' office and more recently has been inspecting on the road, writes from Fort Knox, Ky., that he is now in the Armored Forces and doing nicely.

He is already an expert with rifle, carbine, sub-machine gun, etc. He is also a qualified driver of most all armored vehicles, including half-tracks and even tanks.

Frank must have put on a few pounds since we saw him last.

Paul Sines, Equipment Operator, recently served as housekeeper while Mrs. Sines underwent a serious operation. During that period Paul's duties were made more difficult by the fact that the children developed chicken pox. But all's well that ends well, and at this writing Mrs. Sines is back at home, the children are back at school, and Paul is back at work, firmly convinced that his Fernwood job is much easier than keeping house.

Missouri Has One Too

THE HIGHWAY received quite some favorable recognition in the March issue of Better Roads. From this article it was learned that only one other Highway Department in the country publishes a paper for its employees. That paper, issued by the State of Missouri, is also a monthly publication and is named Highway News.

In order to give you the best possible paper each month, we have arranged to exchange issues with the Missouri Highway Department in the hopes of picking up a few pointers here and there which might be incorporated in THE HIGHWAY.

EQUIPMENT ITEMS

—James O'Rourke—

Wedding bells rang out for Harold Price, Fernwood carpenter, and Miss Florence Haines of Trenton on January 29. The newlyweds are making their home at 484 W. State Street. The groom, who has been with the Equipment Division for many years, is receiving the felicitations of his many friends. Congratulations, Harold.

A record of 10 years perfect attendance, with no time lost through sick leave or for any other reason, recently went by the boards when Joe Rabat, veteran of twenty-three years service at Fernwood, was taken sick. We are glad to report that Joe is on the mend and anxious to start another such record.

The U. S. Army Ambulance Corps' newly formed unit, operating through one of the local hospitals, numbers among its members Al Rust, Robert Kreps, Andrew Vollman, John Gleekman, Jacob Wyckoff, Clarence Seales, Homer Rodgers and Michael Lesnak, all of the Equipment Division.

One man who never entertained doubts concerning the outcome of the Marshall Islands invasion was Joe Thiel, whose son, Corporal Joe, Jr., played his part as a member of the 4th Marine Battalion.

Kenneth Emmons recently resumed his duties with the Highway Department upon receiving his discharge from the Army.

Peter Radice, Chauffeur, has undergone an operation at the St. Francis Hospital in Trenton. We are glad to report that Pete is coming along nicely. He has the best wishes of all for a speedy recovery.

Promoted



TOM DOELL

Tom Doell, who for 20 years has been servicing Highway automotive equipment in North Jersey, is no longer operating out of the Newark Garage. Tomley is now on his own as a full fledged Inspector of Equipment with headquarters at the Dover Garage. He invites all Highway employees to call upon him for any service to their equipment whenever they are in his territory. He may be reached at the Highway Garage on Blackwell St., Dover.

George Visokay — known as Georgie Sacco during his days in the prize ring—left Fernwood on March 8th for service with the U. S. Navy Ship Repair Unit. Georgie took with him the best wishes of his many friends as well as a duffle bag and military set as a token of the esteem in which he is held.

We are glad to report that Jack Brower is recuperating from an emergency operation following a ruptured appendix. Jack had a close call and for a period was confined to St. Peters Hospital in New Brunswick.

John Leadem, Road Mechanic, was 56 on March 2. In honor of the occasion John was given a surprise party by eight of his children. Unfortunately, the other two were unable to attend the affair since they are in the service. Despite his age, Mrs. Leadem maintains that John is still the biggest baby in the household.